

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 24, 2006. Claims 1 to 5, 7, 8 and 12 to 23 are in the application, with Claims 6 and 9 to 11 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 7, 16 and 20 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Office Action entered objections to the drawings for informalities. Specifically, the objections were directed to language recited in Claim 11. Claim 11 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding the correctness of the objections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The rejections are respectfully traversed; however, the foregoing amendments are believed to obviate the rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,729,537 (Billstrom). Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,807,411 (De Kermadec) in view of Official Notice. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention is directed to the registering of data by a management device that is connected to a management center through a communication network. The data is received from the management center via the communication network or from communication control devices via wireless communication. The received data is

registered in a memory, for identification of the management device. In this way, when a management device is replaced, for example, due to failure or routine maintenance, the identification data for identifying the management device can be updated more easily.

Referring specifically to the claims, independent Claim 1 defines a management device comprising wireless communication means for wireless communication with a communication control device, memory means for storing identification data for identifying the management device, and reception means for receiving data from a management center connected through a communication network. The apparatus also comprises registration means for registering, in the memory means, the data received by the reception means, for identifying the management device.

Independent Claim 16 defines a method for registering identification data that generally relates to the apparatus of Claim 1, but is more specifically directed to receiving data from a management center connected through a communication network, and registering, in a memory, identification data received in the reception step, for identifying the management device.

The applied references are not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 1 and 16, and in particular are not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a management device in which data received for identifying the management device is registered in a memory.

In contrast, Billstrom relates to providing a communication station with anonymous access to a communication network. (abstract of Billstrom). In particular, Billstrom's system utilizes a GPRS register 82 to store an IP address in a storage location

93. However, Billstrom is not seen to disclose or to suggest a management device in which data received for identifying the management device is registered in a memory.

Accordingly, independent Claims 1 and 16 are believed to be allowable.

Independent Claim 7 defines a management device comprising wireless communication means for wireless communication with a communication control device, memory means for storing identification data for identifying the management device, and connection means for connecting a management center through a communication network. The device also comprises registration means for registering, in the memory means, identification data received by the wireless communication means from the communication control device, for identifying the management device.

Independent Claim 20 defines a method for registering identification data that generally relates to the apparatus of Claim 7, but is more specifically directed to receiving data from plural communication control devices via wireless communication, and registering, in a memory, identification data received from one of the plural communication control devices via the wireless communication, for identifying the management device.

The applied references are not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 7 and 20, and in particular are not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features a management device in which data received for identifying the management device is registered in a memory.

As discussed above, Billstrom is seen to disclose utilizing a GPRS register 82 to store an IP address in a storage location 93. However, Billstrom is not seen to

disclose or to suggest a management device in which data received for identifying the management device is registered in a memory. Accordingly, independent Claims 7 and 20 are believed to be allowable.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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